

THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Not A Large Volume of Business Before Them.

Council meet in regular session Tuesday night with Mayor Short in the chair and all members present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

A chart showing changes to be made in the names of certain streets of the city and in the numbering of the houses, as recommended by the postal authorities, was presented and adopted. In Plymouth Addition the streets abutting on Main, Frisco, Euclid and Central Avenues were changed to names to correspond with the street of which they are a continuation.

The proposed ordinance repealing the old ordinance relative to occupation tax was tabled.

Tax bills were issued against certain properties where the city was compelled to construct sidewalks.

The Chief of the fire department was instructed to prepare stalls in the fire department quarters for the stabling of the fire horses.

Jacob Sert, representing Fairbanks Morse & Co, gave a short talk on the merits of a new Electricity producer.

A number of bills were allowed and orders drawn on the treasurer for the same.

Crop Conditions Seem Favorable

Washington, D. C., Aug. 10.—Crop conditions in the United States on August 1, 1909, were in the aggregate slightly higher than on August 1, 1908, and moderately higher than the ten year average condition of all crops on August 1. In addition to the higher condition, the acreage of cultivated crops is about 1.6 per cent greater than last year. So says the general review of crop conditions issued today.

Winter wheat, spring wheat, corn, oats, rye, flax and grapes are better than last year and the ten-year average; barley and potatoes are in better condition than on August 1 last year, but slightly below average condition. Tobacco and sweet potatoes are better than the average and lower than last year. Important crops which were below both last year and the average condition, are cotton, rice, hay, buckwheat and apples.

The south central states show 72.2, or 10 per cent, below the ten year average.

The following is a summary for the United States of conditions on August 1: Rice 84.5, timothy 85.8, clover hay production 78.7, alfalfa 94.4, kafir corn 85, pastures 84.4, apples 46.3, peaches 45.4, pears 56.4, grapes 80.7, peanuts 85.1, broomcorn 83.5, sorghum 83, sugar cane 88, sugar 90.4.

Think Children Found.

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 10.—An exchange of telegram between the police of this city and Duncannon, Penn., today gave rise to the belief that Grace and Tomasso Viviano, kidnapped here August 2, had been found in an eastern city. So sure were local authorities of the correctness of that report that they induced Pietro Viviano, father of the stolen girls to prepare for a trip to Pennsylvania.

The Swastika

The swastika is a religious emblem which has been handed down from prehistoric times. It was in use in India fifteen centuries before the Christian era, and appeared in Europe about the middle of the bronze age, and was in use among the earliest inhabitants of North America. Five perfect swastika crosses of hammered brass were found in a mound in Ohio. The swastika is emblematic of the Deity, and is used as a talisman or charm, being the symbol for benediction, blessing, good health, long life, good fortune and prosperity.

THE CONTRACT LET

The Elks Have Let Contract for a Magnificent Club

The committee in charge of building of the Elks Club house let the contract for the erection of the same to contractors Jones & Bridges, Wednesday for the sum of \$9,300. Work on the structure will be begun as soon as the ground can be vacated and the material secured.

The building will be a magnificent one and will be a credit to our city.

The residence buildings now on the ground have been sold, the large one to Jas. McWilliams and the small one to Roy Beaty. McWilliams has sold his building to J. E. O'Brien who will move it to his lots on Fifth street, just north of the Almeria hotel.

The Club building is to be completed within four months.

In his campaign speeches Mr. Taft promised revision downward, and the congress just adjourned has kept that pledge—in some things. For instance, the tariff on sugar has been lowered. A statement last week was to the effect that it was reduced from 1.95 cents a pound to 1.90. Congressman Hamlin states, however, that the reduction was about one-fourthousandth of a cent. For this microscopic favor, consumers should be duly and profoundly grateful.—Springfield Leader.

Can This Be True.

The following relative to the treatment of Mrs. Carrie Nation while at Seligman, as told by the Harrison, Ark., Times, is a disgrace to Barry County, and if true should be looked after. Barry is supposed to be a decent county.

While waiting between trains at Seligman Monday night she was subjected to indignities which speak badly for that town and the depot authorities.

A crowd of smartalecks of the town and depot loafers, when they found Mrs. Nation had arrived, gathered in the ladies waiting room where she must remain until eleven o'clock at night to catch the Eureka train, and while smoking pipes, cigarettes, etc., jeered and insulted her as only idiots can. Finding no peace officer on hand to protect the women in the waiting room Mrs. Nation appealed to the station agent to enforce the rules set forth by signs about the room against smoking, and instead of doing his duty in the matter he informed her with an insolent grin that he was "too busy to be bothered with such things."

Equipped for Service

The city expects soon to have a fine team of horses for the fire department. The committee is finding some difficulty in the selection of a team that will fill all the requirements but hope to get one in a short time. With the securing of a team and a fireman at all times at headquarters Monnett will be in good condition for doing effective work.

More Homes In The West.

Washington, Aug. 9.—The acting Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Wilson, designated today 1,658,640 acres more of land located in the northwestern part of Montana along the Missouri River, as coming within the enlarged homestead act. This makes a total up to date of 25,466,200 acres as designated in Montana.

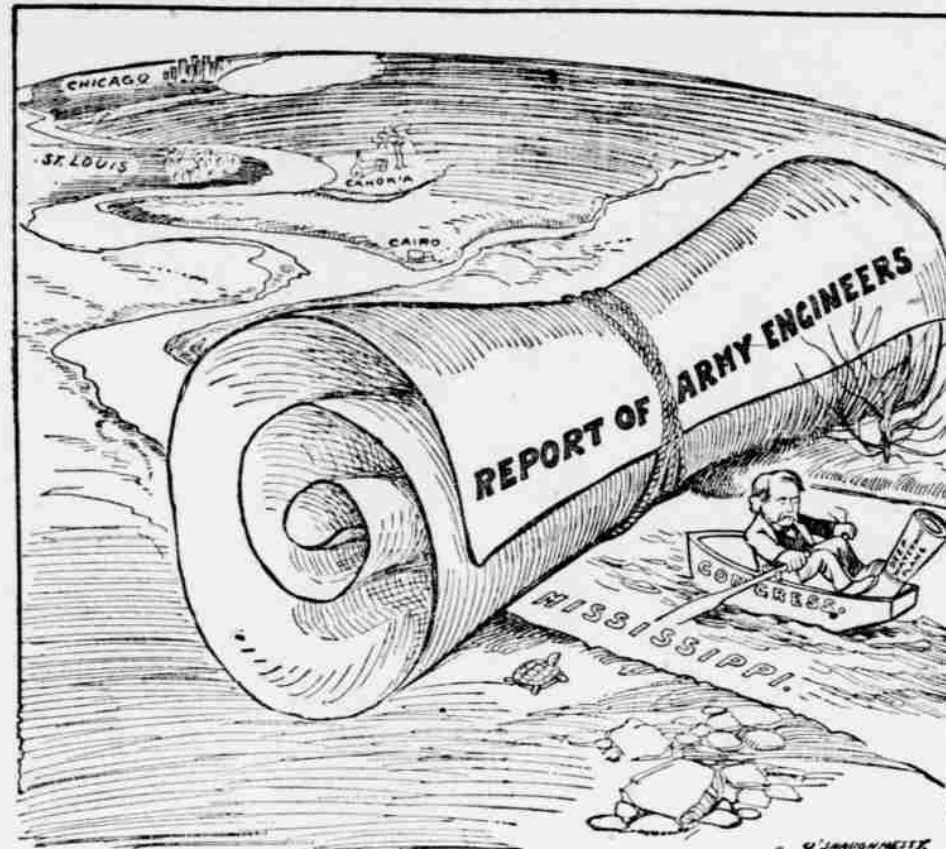
A Yard—Fork.

Take a long kitchen-fork with three sharp, spreading tines, and bind the wire handle along the end of a saved-off broom-handle (a nail in the end of the stick is a help in securing it firmly), and you have a most efficient aid in keeping the yard free of paper and other light trash.—Woman's Home Companion for August.

The game of ball Monday between Monnett and Springdale resulted in a victory for Monnett by a score of 9 to 3. The game was characterized by many errors although a number of fine plays were made.

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The Report of the Army Engineers Gives the Deep Waterway Project a Setback.

LOCAL NEWS.

C. D. Bigelow, of Aurora, was in the city on business. Tuesday.

Geo. Morrow visited Saturday with his parents at Neosho.

Miss Bettie Shepherd, of Ritchey, is visiting relatives and friends in the city.

Miss Mamie Johnson, who had been visiting in Joplin, became ill and returned home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Moore, of Agra, Okla., returned home Wednesday after a short visit with relatives.

The proprietors of the Air Dome have sold their lease to Egbert Baker and will discontinue their attraction.

Henry Moore of Yoakum, Tex., is in the city visiting relatives. His wife has been here for some days.

The TIMES has received many compliments for the dispatch with which the base ball news from the Cassville game was handled Friday.

State Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner Frank Wightman returned home from Kansas City Tuesday.

Miss Nellie Mills, with her Sunday School Class of young men, spent Wednesday picnicing at Sidway's ranch.

Weisbaden, a city of 150,000 in Germany, has its streets scrubbed every night and its sidewalks swept before 7 o'clock every morning.

Mrs. Fannie Martin has purchased Herman Schwandt's property on Fifth street and will improve the same.

Miss Alice Saulsberry, of Peirce City, visited with Mrs. Chas. Brown returning home Wednesday afternoon.

Wm. Bingham has purchased Jim Ward's two acre residence tract north of town on the cemetery road and will move his family in the same.

The Joplin City Council is considerably worked up over the report that Neosho is planning to put in a sewer system and empty her sewage into Shoal Creek. Joplin receives her water supply from that stream.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hunter, who had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Brown, went to Joplin Wednesday, and from there will return in a day or two to their home in Russellville.

The social at the home of Mrs. Chas. Brown, on Third street, given by the Baptist ladies, was well attended and a good time was enjoyed by all present. A good program was rendered. They cleared about \$15.00.

The meeting of the Woman's Union of the Presbyterian Church, that was to have met at the home of Mrs. A. M. Peel has been postponed, owing to the absence from the city of some of the ladies who were to assist in entertaining.

Mrs. W. E. Marion, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Beckham and Miss Grace Lewis and Josie Cassidy are enjoying an outing this week at Galena on the James River.

Sheriff M. E. Newman of Barry county, who came to Springfield yesterday in search of Charles Bass, charged with highway robbery and bootlegging, found the man he wanted had been arrested at his home by a constable.—Springfield Republican.

Canning Tomatoes

A. Bird, manager of the Monnett Canning Co., informs us that he expects to make his first run Thursday. The tomatoes are beginning to ripen but will not come in in large quantities before the first of next week. The present dry weather if not broken soon will have the effect of cutting the tomato crop short. The quality is good and there will be a large pack if weather conditions are favorable. The factory is well equipped for work and help will be plentiful.

General Merchandise

A. J. Nordin, the west end grocer, will begin this week to overhaul his building on the corner of Front and Central preparatory to putting in a large stock of general merchandise in connection with his present grocery stock. He has erected a new building for his feed mill and will use the space thus vacated for his new stock which will be put in about the first of September. Mr. Nordin has a good location and will do a good business.

Crossing Over the Frisco

A. O'Hara while in town Tuesday examined the proposed crossing over the Frisco tracks to Marshall Hill and gave orders for the opening of the same. He instructed Chief Engineer Taylor to draft profiles and plans for a crossing that will begin near the top of the hill south of the old round house and by a gradual decline run north making a span of about 150 feet, from there across the tracks will be made a good passageway for pedestrians.

It is hoped that this will give place soon to a viaduct extending from Fifth or Sixth streets to Marshall Hill. On the south side is now almost the only vacant residence ground and a good crossing would greatly assist the up-building of this part of town.

A Game Of Swap And Swindle.

The whole tariff discussion has been unspeakably sickening. Time was when the American people thought they were doing a man honor by sending him to congress. If they still retain that superstition, it is another evidence of the triumph of hope over experience. From the start of the tariff debates to their present dragging finish it has been a game of swap and swindle. The first consideration has been to get the greatest possible loot for the favored "interests," the next to keep the greatest possible number of votes in line for the complaisant congressmen; and never yet have the interests of the people, or the plain call of decency received official attention in the tussle. There have been exceptions—brilliant exceptions. But no fraud yet proposed has lacked a majority when the test came, and no decent proposition has been able to do better than rank as a bad second in a foredoomed race.

And the utter shamelessness of some representatives of the "interests" is appalling.—Denver News.

KICKED BY A HORSE

Marion Drake, a Former Resident of Monnett, Killed by a Horse.

Marion Drake a dairyman of Joplin, formerly a resident of Monnett, was kicked by a horse Monday and instantly killed.

At the time of the accident Mr. Drake was with his nephew and they were taking horses to pasture near Baxter Springs. Drake was in a buggy with some horses tied to the rig. One of the halters became entangled and he got out to straighten it, when he was kicked by one of the animals directly over the heart and died almost instantly. After he fell to the ground the frightened animals trampled upon him cutting his face and bruising his body.

The body was removed to the home of a farmer near the scene of the accident and his wife and sons were notified of the sad event.

Mr. Drake was for some years a resident of Monnett before removing to Joplin.

Drawing Begun for Reservation Lands

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Aug. 9.—When little Helen Hamilton, the niece of Mayor Boyd of Coeur d'Alene walked in the middle of a pile of 15,000 yellow envelopes containing the applications for land in the Coeur d'Alene Indian reservation early today, the great land drawing on three tracts of government land on Flathead, Coeur d'Alene and Spokane Indian reservations was on.

Several hundred people stood around the platform on which Judge James Witten of Washington, D. C., formally opened the drawing. Unlike the rush in the "squatter" days, the modern methods of distributing the land moved along with the precision of clockwork. When Miss Hamilton picked the first lucky envelope from the mass and handed it to Judge Witten and the name of Isadore Selig of Myrtle Creek, Ore., was read aloud the gathered crowd began to evince an increasing interest.

For two hours in the heat of the midday sun three little girls pranced over the pile of yellow envelopes plucking fortunes for some from the pile of applications.

Five hundred names were drawn this afternoon.

Other fortunate holders and their numbers were:

No. 2—John Hedmark, Spokane, Wash.

No. 3—Charles G. Cornwell, Spokane, Wash.

No. 4—Herman Neubauer, South Tacoma, Wash.

The Auto Fiend.

I do not own an auto gay that rushes madly down the way, and eats up distance like some guy before a home-made apple pie. I'm glad, indeed, no woman's breath can say I've scared her half to death by whizzing past at dizzy pace, as if in a long-distance race. I never got the fever yet; thank God, I never will, you bet! For what with bills for tire or spoke, it even keeps the rich men broke. And then there's bills for each repair that make a deacon want to swear; and gee, the gasoline 'twill drink would put old Rocky on the blink! Oh, no, I want no motor car to jiggle, jounce, and jump and jar, and shake your nerves and molars loose, and cut up like the very deuce, and leave you stranded when 'twill balk, so that you must climb out and walk. Stick to your auto if you will, but good old Dobbin suits me still!—Los Angeles Express.

Gone But Not Forgotten

This is the manner in which an exchange gives a gentle hint or two. Catch the idea:

Lost—In the weeds on the street our cow. Also the dog that went after the cow, also the boy who went after the dog, also my wife who went after my son. All lost in the city's weeds. Liberal reward."

Farming Pays

Chas. Rausch, who has a fine farm north of town cleared \$1,400 on small fruit this year. He has three acres of strawberries, one acre of raspberries and two acres of blackberries. On 373 crates of strawberries he netted \$759.29. He sold all of his raspberries at \$2.75 per crate f. o. b. Monnett. In addition to the above he has 2½ acres of tomatoes and 2 acres of melons that are just coming into market.

Will Rausch has 2 acres of strawberries, sold 380 crates at an average of \$2.10 per crate. He also has 1½ acres of blackberries. From this 3½ acres he deposited in the bank over \$800.00.

Stranger Killed

This morning about 6 o'clock word was received here that a man had been run over and killed by an east bound Frisco freight train near the Lucy Johnson farm four miles west of town.

Coroner Bingham and Chief of Police Pearman went out in the ambulance and brought the remains into the Bingham Undertaking rooms.

His head was badly mashed and his right foot cut off. He is about 20 years old, dark hair and complexion, large upper front teeth, had on pair \$3.50 Douglas patent leather shoes, gray suit of clothes; in his pocket was a razor and shaving brush, old watch chain with round brass fob with helmet and man's head on same, had 4 fancy post cards and a picture of fire department at Claremore, Ok., also 30 cents in change. No writing of any kind was found.—Neosho Democrat.

Natural Gas at Anderson.

Last January, John Elliff, who resides in the south part of town, sunk a well 91 feet deep and got 80 feet of water. Through the 80 feet of water there was a flow of gas, which, when lighted, shot up a flame several feet in the air. Mr. Elliff did not become excited with his new find as it was not the first indication of gas discovered around Anderson. Considering that he had only sunk 91 feet he did not expect the gas to flow permanently. However, he has lighted the gas from time to time at frequent intervals; for the past six months, and inasmuch as the flow seems to be continuous, Mr. Elliff decided to apply the gas from his well to domestic use. By a contrivance Mr. Elliff is now using home gas in his oil stove.—Anderson News.

Frisco is Increasing Force of Workmen

The Frisco railroad is still increasing the force of workmen at the new shops. Six hundred men are now working at the new shops; 750 at the north side shops and 450 at the south side, making a total of 1,800. When the other 200 are put on at the new shops, which will be in a few weeks there will be a total of 2,000 shop men alone.

The shops are having all the work now that they can handle. The engine stalls at the three shops are full, as well as the passenger and freight car repair shops.—Springfield Republican.

Dr. Hale a Boy at Eighty

An example of Edward Everett Hale's light-heartedness is told in Woman's Home Companion for August. One day when he was about eighty years old he and I boarded a surface car in New York. The car was crowded, but a lad promptly arose and gave him his seat. "Thank you my boy," said Hale with great heartiness. "I'll do as much for you some day when you are eighty—if I'm around then."

Monnett—Sarcouxie.

The next games at the Athletic park will be the second and third of the series between Monnett and Sarcouxie. The games will be played here and two at Sarcouxie. These will be exciting games and will draw large crowds.